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SUBJECT: ARMS POLICY

1. HERewith EXACT TEXT OF MY LETTER TO BHUTTO REFERRED  
TO IN ISLAMAMABD 1021:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IN MY FIRST  
SUBSTANTIVE TALK WITH YOU SHORTLY AFTER MY ARRIVAL  
IN PAKISTAN YOU ASKED IF WE COULD HELP IN DIESELIZING  
YOUR M-47 AND M-48 TANKS. YOU SAID YOU UNDERSTOOD  
WE WERE DOING THIS IN IRAN. I SAID I WAS NOT FAMILIAR  
WITH THE PROCESS, BUT WOULD SEE WHAT I COULD FIND OUT.  
IN A LATER TALK, I TOLD YOU WE WERE MAKING QUITE AN  
EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE  
PROBLEM, AND WE WERE ALSO HAVING TALKS WITH SOME OF  
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YOUR MILITARY PERSONNEL. I INDICATED MY INTENTION TO

GIVE YOU A REPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PRESENT UNITES STATES ARMS SUPPLY POLICY TOWARD PAKISTAN PERMITS REHABILITATION OF THE TANKS TO INCLUDE DIESELIZATION, NIGHT VISION DEVICES, ETC., BUT NOT AN INCREASE IN CALIBER OF THEIR ARMAMENT. QUITE APART FROM ANY QUESTION OF POLICY AS REGARDS THE LATTER, THE CONSENSUS OF OUR MILITARY EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON IS THAT SUCH UP-GUNNING IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION I HAVE, THIS IS A VERY EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION, INVOLVING COMPLETE CHANGE OF THE TURRET AND OTHER EXPENSIVE RESTRUCTURING OF THE TANK CHASSIS. IN THE RETROFIT PROCESS, THE MAIN WEAPON IS OF COURSE OVER-HAULED.

AS YOU KNOW, SINCE OUR PRESENT POLICY PROHIBITS NEW GRANT OR CREDIT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SUBCONTINENT, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN REHABILITATION WOULD BE LIMITED TO MILITARY ADVICE AND SUCH HELP AS WE COULD GIVE TO YOUR OFFICIALS IN MAKING DIRECT ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES COMPANIES.

IF PAKISTAN WISHES TO REHABILITATE ITS TANKS WITHIN PAKISTAN, WE AGREE WITH YOUR MILITARY THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE A SURVEY TO BE MADE OF INDIGENOUS FACILITIES, AND OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, BY A COMPETENT UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL FIRM. WHILE THERE ARE SEVERAL UNITED STATES COMPANIES QUALIFIED TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS, THE IRANIAN PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BOWEN, MCLAUGHLIN, AND YORK. THIS SAME FIRM IS ALSO BEING UTILIZED FOR SIMILAR WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. WE WOULD BE WILLING, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, TO ASSIST YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN CONTACTING QUALIFIED UNITED STATES FIRMS.

ALTERNATIVELY, THE UNITES STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USE BY PAKISTAN OF THE TANK REBUILDING FACILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE ARRIVED AT BETWEEN YOUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IN OUR STUDY OF THIS MATTER WE DEVELOPED CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH I BELIEVE MIGHT BE USEFUL TO YOU. THIS IS INCLUDED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS LETTER. I, OF COURSE STAND BY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

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I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING TIME OFF FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND ME FOR LUNCH LAST WEEK IN HYDERABAD. I SPEAK FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AS WELL AS MYSELF IN THANKING YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR COURTESY AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY IN ARRANGING THE ENJOYABLE LUNCH AND IN SHARING WITH US YOUR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SINCERELY, HENRY A. BYROADE. END TEXT.

ATTACHMENT: BEGIN TEXT: BASICALLY, THE RETROFIT WORK IS A DIESELIZATION PROGRAM. IT INCLUDES INSTALLATION OF A NEW DIESEL ENGINE, UPDATING THE TRANSMISSION, EXPANDING THE FUEL CELLS, AND INSTALLING CADILLAC-GAGE HYDRAULIC TURRET CONTROLS. ALL OF THE COMPONENTS FOR THE RETROFIT ARE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTING COMPANY. THE MAIN WEAPON AND FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED BUT ARE BEING OVERHAULED. HOWEVER, THE NIGHT-SIGHTING DEVICES WHICH YOUR MILITARY WISH ON SOME OF THEIR TANKS IS CONSIDERED FEASIBLE.

THE PRESENT COST OF RETROFITTING UNDER CURRENT CONTRACTS IS APPROXIMATELY \$110,000 PER TANK. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE COST OF TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED IF THE PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN IN PAKISTAN. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CURRENT COSTS MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT IN EXCESS OF THIS, AS ENGINES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM CONTINE ZZM MOTORS CORPORATI  
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